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Governor Rell Announces \$250,000 for Hop River Homes Complex in Andover



Governor M. Jodi Rell announced today that Department of Economic and Community Development has awarded a \$250,000 Small Cities grant to the town of Andover to renovate the Hop River Homes elderly complex.

“It is important to make sure elderly citizens receive the care that they deserve,” said Governor Rell. “Many of the residents of Hop Rivers Homes have lived in this area for years, and have family living nearby. Hop River Homes is a wonderful public housing complex that offers an affordable living environment. We are happy to provide funds that will allow these citizens to live in comfort close to their loved ones.

“The grant covers much needed renovations, including a new security system, insulated back doors, and kitchen repairs for 13 of the cottages.”

“These are long-needed improvements for a facility that is over 25 years old,” said Representative Pam Sawyer (R-Andover). With so few elderly housing units in the area it is vital to preserve the ones we have. I thank Governor Rell for her continues support of our senior citizens.”

Hop River Homes, located at 25 Riverside Drive, was built in 1981. It consists of 24 cottages and a Social Hall with administrative offices, laundry services and a lounge. Presently, 25 citizens inhabit Hop River Homes. Residents must be at least 62 years old, or disabled. All are lower income; 11 are 30 % of State Median Income, and 14 are between 30 to 50% of State Median Income.

Hop River Homes has not been upgraded since the complex’s construction back in 1981. Hop River Homes will also make the stoves, door hardware, and toilets compliant with ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act).

The federally-funded Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program provides grants to eligible municipalities for economic development, affordable housing, community facilities and services, and revitalization of development projects. The funds are supplied by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and administered by the state’s Department of Economic and Community Development.